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Hon. Christian F. Hummel
U.S. Magistrate Judge
James T. Foley U.S. Courthouse
445 Broadway
Albany, New York 12207

**Re: United States v. Preston James
Case No. 15-M-282**

Dear Judge Hummel:

Mr. James recently indicated to me that he wishes to have my office terminated as appointed counsel in the above referenced matter. Accordingly, on Mr. James's behalf, I respectfully ask the Court to schedule a proceeding so the Court may make the appropriate inquiries of Mr. James's and make a decision on his request for new counsel. I ask the Court to schedule that proceeding at the Court's earliest convenience. Counsel will be available tomorrow afternoon, Friday August 21st or Monday or Tuesday next week. Further, I respectfully request that the Court conduct the proceeding ex parte and in camera in light of the likely discussion of confidential matters covered by the attorney-client privilege.

I thank the Court for its consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

/s/Gene Primomo

Gene Primomo
Assistant Federal Public Defender

cc: Preston James
Emily Farber, AUSA

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
Case No. Case No. 15-M-282**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on November 19, 2012, I electronically filed the foregoing letter request with the Clerk of the District Court using the CM/ECF system, which sent notification of such filing to the following:

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